

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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STEELE, NUGENT

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Russell "Bob" Harrell was born on a farm in Jefferson County, Indiana in 1908. He graduated Dupont High School, and attended Hanover College and Purdue University;

Whereas, Mr. Harrell began working for the Highway Department in 1924, carrying water and breaking rock, and has almost 75 years of active experience in highway and bridge engineering;

Whereas, in the course of Mr. Harrell's long and distinguished career, he served as a project engineer for the construction of U.S. 50 between Seymour and Brownstown. In addition, he was twice a district engineer of the Seymour District of the State Highway Department.

Whereas, upon assignment to the Indiana State Highway Central Office, Mr. Harrell served as assistant superintendant of maintenance, assistant chief engineer of operations, and director of the Indiana State Highway Department. In this capacity, Mr. Harrell was active in the construction of Indiana's interstate highway system;



Whereas, in 1974, after 45 years of dedicated service, Mr. Harrell retired from the Indiana State Highway Department and joined Sieco/Strand as a director of project development. He has since helped dozens of communities develop highway, bridge, road and traffic engineering projects;

Whereas, Mr. Harrell has twice been honored as a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash Award in 1969 and 1973, as well as a Distinguished Hoosier in 1970, and was an Indiana's Green Thumb recipient in 1999;

Whereas, Mr. Harrell and his wife Hazel have lived in many areas of Indiana, but moved to Seymour, Indiana in 1945 and have resided there ever since; and

Whereas, Russell "Bob" Harrell is known throughout the Hoosier State and his many years of dedicated professional service deserve recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
- 2 Russell "Bob" Harrell for his many years of professional service to the
- 3 Indiana Department of Highways, and his continuing service to the
- 4 communities of Indiana after his retirement.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana
- 6 Department of Transportation to name U.S. 50 from Bedford to
- 7 Brownstown as the "Russell "Bob" Harrell Memorial Highway."
- 8 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 9 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Russell "Bob" and Hazel Harrell,
- 10 and his son Jack Beem.

